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OPA Daily Digest for 10/7/14

Congressional Inquiries:

None

State Government Inquiries:

Sen. Gary Romine (Mo.) – letter – 10/1/14: Questioning high levels of lead in soil in southeastern Missouri. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364 (open)

Rep. Bill Otto (Mo.) – Phone – 10/6/14: Question from Harvey Ferdman regarding how radiological material is leaving the West Lake site via leachate. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364 (closed)

Press Inquiries:

West Plains Quill (Mo.) – Denise Vaughn – 10/1/14: Questions regarding Coastal Energy. Contact: David Bryan, 7433 (open)

Kansas City Star – Lewis Diuguid – 10/7/14: Contacted the columnist about an extension to the waters of the U.S. public comment period and discussed potential placement within a week. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

Moberly Monitor – Marsha Hargus – 10/6/14: Contacted about September 26 placement of regional administrator \$B!G (Bs op-ed about waters of the U.S. proposal. Op-eds and letters to the editor are not posted online. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

WHO-TV, Des Moines – Brandon Blue – 10/6/14: Requested a correction to a headline about an Oct. 3 Brody Middle School water quality event. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

Newton County (Mo.) News – Chad Hayworth – 10/7/14: Questions about recent EPA Region 7 inspection of the City of Granby \$B!G (Bs sewer plant. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (open)

KICD Radio (Spencer, Iowa) – Bob Schleger – 10/7/14: Questions about settlement with Shine Bros. Corp. in Spencer, Iowa. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364 (closed)

Environmental Stories:

WHO Ch. 13 Des Moines, Iowa - Students Learn Water Quality From EPA - 10/6/14 - Water quality is everyone \$B!G (Bs business, and on October 3, seventh-grade students from Brody Middle School in Des Moines got a personal lesson in protecting water from EPA Region 7 Administrator Karl Brooks.

<http://whotv.com/2014/10/06/students-learn-water-quality-from-epa-administrator/>

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Study: EPA carbon rules would save thousands of lives in Illinois and Missouri - 10/6/14 - A new study concludes that Missouri and Illinois would reap some of the largest public health benefits in the country from rules requiring utilities to cut back on carbon pollution.

http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/study-epa-carbon-rules-would-save-thousands-of-lives-in/article_9f592a06-b274-5b4a-95d3-67439a63070f.html

Report - <http://www.chgeharvard.org/sites/default/files/userfiles2/Health%20Co-Benefits%20of%20Carbon%20Standards.pdf>

Grand Island Independent, Neb. - EPA testing closes Eddy underpass - 10/7/14 - Contractors for the Environmental Protection Agency started drilling holes in the Eddy Street underpass on Monday as part of an ongoing contamination cleanup of a federal Superfund site. http://www.theindependent.com/news/local/epa-testing-closes-eddy-underpass/article_67cf157e-4da7-11e4-a86a-6fab459cb2ce.html

Columbia Daily Tribune - City receives payment for stormwater violation - 10/6/14 - The city has received a check from contractor Emery Sapp & Sons for fines Columbia paid to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for stormwater violations observed by regulators more than two years ago at the site of a roadway improvement project on a section of Clark Lane between Ballenger Lane and St. Charles Road. http://www.columbiatribune.com/news/local/city-receives-payment-for-stormwater-violation/article_fb8e9b7d-26f6-567b-a627-1fe45ea6e1c2.html

KMIZ Ch. 17 Columbia, Mo. - Water Co Op hit with multiple violations - 10/6/14 - A Callaway County water supply system is hit with multiple violations for drinking water standards and failing to monitor its water well. The Missouri Department of Natural Resources said the Mokane Water Co OP missed required monitoring reports and its water tested high for bacteria. <http://www.abc17news.com/news/water-co-op-hit-with-multiple-violations/28980596>

Lake News Online (Mo.) - Agencies take first step in projects to restore the waters of southeast Missouri - 10/6/14 - The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR), serving as Trustees for Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration, are beginning the process to implement restoration projects in southeast Missouri in an area that is one of the largest lead-producing regions of the world.

<http://www.lakenewsonline.com/article/20141006/News/141009328>

Wichita Eagle - Kansas wind energy industry set to take off - 10/6/14 - Three-quarters of the way through 2014, Kansas \$B!G (B wind energy industry is shifting from ice cold to red hot. The state has nearly 3,000 megawatts of wind energy capacity in 25 wind farms, placing it among the top states in the nation.

<http://www.kansas.com/news/business/article2538626.html>

Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier (Iowa) - Sanitary sewer system still in need of upgrades - 10/6/14 - Cedar Falls \$B!G (B aging sanitary sewer system remains susceptible to overflows, but the city is about to take one step closer to solving what is expected to be a costly problem for the city and private residents alike.

http://wcfcourier.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/sanitary-sewer-system-still-in-need-of-upgrades/article_2ddcb9a8-e407-520c-8b8f-b7816518dec1.html

Wichita Eagle - Letters: Different picture - 10/7/14 - If taken at face value, Karl Brooks' thoughts go a long way toward allaying concerns of property takings, more regulatory burdens and renewed economic uncertainty. But the public record presents a markedly different picture. <http://www.kansas.com/opinion/letters-to-the->

[editor/article2540186.html](http://www.kansas.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/article2503295.html)

Wichita Eagle - Letters: Still questions about water plan - 10/7/14 - Over the past year, the city of Wichita has evaluated potential new water supply options. Recently, the city revealed enhancement of the aquifer storage and recovery project (ASR) as the preferred new supply. Although ASR enhancement may ultimately prove a viable option, there are still significant uncertainties. <http://www.kansas.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/article2503295.html>

Agriculture - More Time for Comments to EPA - 10/7/14 - The EPA on Monday extended the comment period on its clean water proposal — known as the Waters of the United States — until Nov 14. EPA indicated there will be a thorough review when it closes the docket. http://www.agriculture.com/news/policy/me-time-f-comments-to-epa_4-ar45504

KMIZ Ch. 17 Columbia, Mo. - Dozens submit concerns over proposed sow farm - 10/7/14 - More than two dozen people sent comments to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources in August and September to oppose a proposed swine farrowing operation in Callaway County. No one wrote a letter in support. <http://www.abc17news.com/news/dozens-submit-concerns-over-proposed-sow-farm/28982624>

GlobalWarming.org - How Unlawful Is EPA \$B!G (Bs Clean Power Plan? - 10/6/14 - EPA \$B!G (Bs Clean Power Plan, the agency \$B!G (Bs proposed rule to reduce carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions from existing power plants, is the centerpiece of President Obama \$B!G (Bs climate policy agenda. <http://www.globalwarming.org/2014/10/06/how-unlawful-is-epas-clean-power-plan/>

Joplin Globe - Public input to be sought for state energy plan - 10/7/14 - Four area business leaders are among a panel of 50 appointed by Gov. Jay Nixon to help develop a state energy plan. http://www.joplinglobe.com/news/article_09bc386e-4de2-11e4-9a7b-171267b72253.html

Scientific American - Clean Coal Era Begins - 10/7/14 - On October 2, the Boundary Dam power plant in Saskatchewan became the first full-sized coal-fired boiler to capture the copious carbon dioxide that had previously billowed from its smokestack, preventing the greenhouse gas from entering the atmosphere. <http://blogs.scientificamerican.com/observations/2014/10/07/clean-coal-era-begins/>

Lincoln Journal Star, Neb. - Hallam residents voice concerns about proposed wind farm - 10/6/14 - A handful of Hallam area residents voiced their concerns Monday night about a proposed wind farm in their backyard. They told Jeffrey Wagner, president of Volkswind USA, the wind turbines would be ugly, noisy and could harm their health. http://journalstar.com/news/local/hallam-residents-voice-concerns-about-proposed-wind-farm/article_a1828ad2-3def-586e-9172-394fb5bce2f2.html

Brownfield Ag News - Iowa coops agree on best environmental practices - 10/6/14 - Members of the Agriculture \$B!G (Bs Clean Water Alliance (ACWA) in Iowa have agreed to a \$B!H (BCode of Practice for 2014 \$B!m (B, a set of guidelines for the responsible application of nutrients. <http://brownfieldagnews.com/2014/10/06/iowa-coops-agree-best-environmental-practices/>

Brownfield Ag News - ADM has Iowa farmers track sustainability - 10/6/14 - \$B!H (BSustainability \$B!! (B keeps getting a lot of attention in agriculture. Maree Deventer — ADM Soy Sustainability program coordinator in Iowa — says U.S. farmers have been sustainable a lot longer than it \$B!G (Bs been a buzz word. \$B!H (B <http://brownfieldagnews.com/2014/10/06/adm-iowa-farmers-track-sustainability/>

Brownfield Ag News - EPA extends comment period on WOTUS—again - 10/6/14 - The EPA is once again extending the comment period on its proposed rule to redefine U.S. waters under the Clean Water Act. The new deadline is November 14th. <http://brownfieldagnews.com/2014/10/06/epa-extends-comment-period-wotus/>

Phys.org - First-ever global life cycle assessment of renewable energy future - 10/6/14 - A future where electricity comes mostly from low-carbon sources is not only feasible in terms of material demand, but will significantly reduce air pollution, a study published in the today's Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences says. <http://phys.org/news/2014-10-first-ever-global-life-renewable-energy.html>

Natural Gas Intel - DOE's Moniz Touts Administration \$B!G (Bs Strong Support for Natural Gas - 10/6/14 - U.S. Secretary of Energy Ernest Moniz, who has characterized natural gas as a "low-carbon bridge to a zero-carbon" future, appeared to disagree with an interviewer positing that gas was "just a bridge to more natural gas," and reiterated the Obama administration's commitment to an all-of-the-above energy strategy. <http://www.naturalgasintel.com/articles/99954-does-moniz-touts-administrations-strong-support-for-natural-gas>

Huffington Post (blog) - The Transition to Renewable Energy Is Difficult But Feasible - 10/6/14 - The United States Energy Information Agency estimates that 11 percent of the world's total energy comes from renewable sources, a number they project will grow modestly to 15 percent by 2040. http://www.huffingtonpost.com/steven-cohen/the-transition-to-renewab_b_5938540.html

The Energy Collective - Calibrating Solar Energy's Growth Potential - 10/6/14 - A new report from the International Energy Agency suggests the possibility of solar power becoming the world's largest electricity source by 2050. It is noteworthy that IEA thinks this could happen, but the growth rates required, let alone the policies necessary to support them, will be challenging to sustain. <http://theenergycollective.com/geoffrey-styles/1961016/calibrating-solars-growth-potential>

Huffington Post - 5 Reasons Why Climate Change Is a Social Issue, Not Just an Environmental One - 10/6/14 - he realities of climate change are no longer only being stressed by environmentalists. The effects of climate change will be economic, social, and environmental and will alter people's lives in a myriad of ways that we are just beginning to understand. http://www.huffingtonpost.com/rosaly-byrd/climate-change-is-a-socia_b_5939186.html

Washington Post (blog) - Reconsidering the racial gap on global warming - 10/6/14 - 538 \$B!G (Bs Harry Enten recently wrote about a \$B!H (Brace gap \$B!! (B in opinions about global warming. According to Enten, Pew survey data from 2007 through 2014 revealed that non-whites were more likely to say that global warming is \$B!H (Ba top priority for Congress and the president. \$B!! (B <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/monkey-cage/wp/2014/10/06/reconsidering-the-racial-gap-on-global-warming/>

Associated Press - Judge dismisses Nebraska lawsuit against EPA – 10/7/14 - A federal judge dismissed Nebraska's lawsuit against the federal Environmental Protection Agency over greenhouse gas standards for new power plants, saying the lawsuit "jumped the gun." http://journalstar.com/news/state-and-regional/federal-politics/judge-dismisses-nebraska-lawsuit-against-epa/article_b4be900d-0609-552c-bcfc-060e173ae0b0.html

The Hill - Judge dismisses suit against EPA climate rule - 10/7/14 - A federal judge in Nebraska has dismissed a challenge to the Environmental Protection Agency \$B!G (Bs proposed carbon limits for new power plants. District Judge John Gerrard ruled that since the rule, proposed in January, has not been finalized, it cannot be considered by a court. <http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/220007-judge-dismissed-challenge-to-epas-rule-on-new-power-plants>

The Hill - EPA increases public access to chemical data - 10/7/14 - The Environmental Protection Agency moved on Tuesday to increase the amount of data made available to the public on regulated chemicals. The changes are being made to its "one-stop online tool" called ChemView. <http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/220016-epa-increases-public-access-to-chemical-data>

Agri-Pulse - Farm Bureau calls on Senate to ditch proposed water rule - 10/7/14 - The American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) is urging the Senate to tell the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to withdraw its proposed Waters of the U.S. Rule (WOTUS) and restore the integrity of the rulemaking process. <http://www.agri->

pulse.com/Farm-Bureau-calls-on-Senate-to-ditch-proposed-water-rule-10072014.asp

AgWeb - A Leader From Within - 10/7/14 - The second biggest threat his operation, and the entire cattle industry, faces is regulation from the Environmental Protection Agency, rancher Bob McCan says. "We have some pretty big challenges in the environmental arena. If the proposed \$B!F (BWaters of the U.S. \$B!G (B rule goes through, it can certainly hurt us." http://www.agweb.com/article/a_leader_from_within_NAA_Sara_Brown/

Business Green - EPA extends water consultation rule - 10/7/14 - Conservationists warn there are "millions of miles" of rivers and extensive wetlands at risk due to lack of clarity. The Environmental Protection Agency pushed back a consultation deadline on a broad-ranging water conservation rule this week. <http://www.businessgreen.com/bg/news/2374197/epa-extends-water-consultation-rule>

Huffington Post - Climate Change Hits Close to Home for Small Family Farmers – 10/7/14 - Spring planting season has become more and more delayed because of changes in our weather patterns. Nowadays, I find myself planting corn in May. That's why I marched in the streets of New York City last month, http://www.huffingtonpost.com/john-w-boyd-jr/climate-change-hits-close_b_5930600.html

Greenwire - Tide laundry detergent soon will contain cellulosic ethanol - 10/6/14 - A popular brand of laundry detergent will soon contain cellulosic ethanol under an agreement announced today between the detergent's maker, Procter & Gamble Co., and chemical giant DuPont Co. <http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1060006931/>

Greenwire - EPA proposes tighter toxics standards for steelmaking - 10/6/14 - U.S. EPA proposed tightening air pollution standards for toxics from steelmaking in a Federal Register notice today. EPA's proposal applies to the production of ferroalloys -- iron compounds with added elements such as silicon, manganese and chromium -- that are a key part of the steel manufacturing. <http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1060006947/>

Greenwire - Oversight of vehicle fleet sputtering -- IG - 10/6/14 - U.S. EPA is putting taxpayer cash at risk by failing to adequately manage its multimillion-dollar vehicle fleet, according to a new watchdog report. EPA's independent inspector general issued a new report today detailing faults with the agency's oversight of its fleet management program. <http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1060006963/>

Greenwire - EPA rebuffs industry call for more time on risk management update - 10/6/14 - U.S. EPA has declined to grant a request by industry groups to extend the public comment period an additional 90 days as it works to update its risk management program. <http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1060006965/>

E&E News PM - Agency veteran leaves retirement for deputy chief's post - 10/6/14 - EPA veteran Stan Meiburg came out of retirement at McCarthy's urging to become her acting deputy in the agency's Washington, D.C., headquarters today, McCarthy announced in a memo to her staff. <http://www.eenews.net/eenewspm/stories/1060006973/>

Press Releases:

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

EPA Settlement with Shine Bros. Corp. Recycling Facility Results in Pollution Prevention and Park Cleanup for Spencer, Iowa – 10/7/14 – Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364

Fact Sheets:

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

None

Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:

* New additions noted with an asterisk

10/9/14 – Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce Energy & Environmental Roundtable and Reception, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Dave Bryan, 7433

10/10/14 – Nebraska State Bar Association, La Vista, Neb. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

10/21-22/14 – EPA Lean Summit, Washington, D.C. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487

10/30/14 – COOP Exercise, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Chris Taylor, 7736

11/12/14 – Native American Heritage Event Discussion on \$B!H (BClimate Change and Adaptation in Indian Country, Regional Office. Contact: Alex Owutaka, 7584

11/18/14 – Region 7 Small Business Environmental Assistance Providers, Regional Office. Contact: Gary Bertram, 7533

DRA:

10/7/14 - Employee Appreciation Event, Regional Office contact: Monica Espinosa, 7541

10/30/14 – COOP Exercise, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Chris Taylor, 7736

11/12/14 – Native American Heritage Event Discussion on \$B!H (BClimate Change and Adaptation in Indian Country, Regional Office. Contact: Alex Owutaka, 7584

RA/Immediate Office

None

Other Events

AWMD

None

CNSL

None

ECO/EJ

10/5-8/14 – Superfund 101 Training, Chicago, Illinois. Contact: A. Moses, 7649

10/19-22/14 – Senior Enforcement Managers Meeting, Washington, D.C., Contact: D. Singletary, x7373

ENSV

None

PLMG

None

RA/OPA

10/14/14 – Attend West Lake Landfill CAG meeting, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364

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10/7/14 – Greater St. Louis Sub-Area Committee, Industry Day Workshop for spill response strategies on the lower Missouri River, St. Charles, Mo. – Contact: Jeff Weatherford 636-326-4720

10/22/14 – Public Availability Session to discuss remedial action and the Five Year Review for the Parkview Well Site, Grand Island, Neb. Contact: Brad Vann, 7611

WWPD

10/8-9/14 – 2014 National CAFO Roundtable, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

10/15-16/14 – Big River Task Force Meeting with Other State and Federal Agencies, Farmington, Mo. Contact: Jeannette Schafer, 7297

10/20-21/14 – Hypoxia Task Force Meeting, Alton, Ill. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

11/3-6/14 – EPA Tribal 106 Coordinators Meeting, Washington, DC. Contact: Heather Duncan, 7640

Des Moines Register

Letter: Governor has ignored voices of Iowans

10/2/14

They ought to quit shouting and start listening to the people who will be most affected." That was Gov. Branstad's retort [Sept. 30] to some pesky protesters who were out in force at an industry-sponsored meeting Monday in Des Moines. The governor and his big-money friends were complaining about a clean-water rule being proposed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Funny thing is, the "people most affected" by Iowa's clean water crisis are the very people Branstad has deliberately ignored, and not listened to. for years. Hundreds of thousands of Iowans have had to put up with Branstad's legacy:

- 748 manure spills since 1996.
- 630 polluted waterways as of 2012.
- Toxic algae blooms and high nitrates in our lakes and rivers.
- 20 million corporate hogs producing the waste equivalent of 45 million people.

Iowans want a clean-water governor, not one who consistently carries [dirty] water for the corporate ag industry.

— Hugh Espey, executive director, Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement Action Fund, Des Moines

Des Moines Register

Branstad asks Obama to boost renewable fuel mandate

By Christopher Doering,
3:37 p.m. CDT October 2, 2014

Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad is urging the White House to reverse a proposal that would reduce the amount of renewable fuels required to be blended into the country's motorfuel supply.

In a letter to Shaun Donovan, director of the Office of Management and Budget, Branstad and Gov. Pat Quinn, D-Ill., said the proposed reduction to the renewable fuel standard would be especially damaging to biodiesel and cellulosic ethanol, the fledgling industry where the fuel is made from crop residue, grasses and wood chips and

other plant materials. The OMB is in charge of vetting proposed regulations.

Last November, the Environmental Protection Agency, which oversees the RFS, proposed sharply cutting ethanol made from corn and cellulosic materials in 2014, while leaving the biodiesel level at the same amount as the prior year. The EPA has not issued the final blending requirements for 2014, but an announcement is expected this fall.

"The adoption of EPA's proposed 2014 RFS volume requirements threatens to have a negative economic impact on the rural economy and on the biofuels industry, specifically on biodiesel and cellulosic ethanol," Branstad and Quinn, both members of the Governors' Biofuels Coalition, said in the Wednesday letter.

The governors said the proposed cuts already have curtailed investments in biodiesel and cellulosic, which has hurt rural economies that depend on renewable fuels.

Iowa is the nation's leader in renewable fuels production. It has 42 ethanol refineries capable of producing more than 3.8 billion gallons annually and 12 biodiesel facilities with the capacity to produce almost 315 million gallons annually.

Last month, Branstad, an ardent biofuels supporter, charged EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy with being misleading in her support for renewable fuels.

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